

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022

RENSELAER CENTRAL SCHOOLS CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of School Trustees of the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Administrative Offices Board Conference Room. Board Members present were Janice Deno, Charlie Parrish, Gary Braasch, Kevin Arnold, and Mark Jordan. Emily Lyons and Rick Odle were absent.

President Braasch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Braasch determined a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

President Braasch stated that there were (2) additions to the agenda, Item L.2 – Approval of Courtney Budd as Color Guard Instructor. Item L.3 – Approval of Andrea Maienbrook for Angela Green’s Maternity Leave. Mr. Parrish made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The minutes of the June 21, 2022 Regular Session and the July 5, 2022 Re-Organizational Meeting were presented for board approval. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch asked for comments from the RCCTA. Denise Yentes spoke on behalf of Stacy Kurdelak, she stated that the Association wished to acknowledge the board for all the hard work and cleaning being done throughout the corporation. They were happy with the ILEARN and AP data.

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Superintendent Craig shared the 2022 I-Learn results. He is happy with the progress being made by the students. Mr. Chad Wynn spoke about how important it is to start with creating the right environment for learning. He emphasized on the importance of the role the teachers and staff have in creating that environment. Mr. Greg Michael spoke and re-iterated the importance of creating the right environment and making sure that each student feels safe at school. Ms. Denise Yentes also spoke about how important it is to create a family environment and set high expectations of the students to do well.

Superintendent Craig presented pictures of the work being done on the pool and on the Tennis Courts. He stated that the tennis court completion is running ahead of schedule.

Claims dated July 19, 2022 were presented for board approval. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the claims. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig presented, to the board, a Financial Report showing expenditures through June 30, 2022.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval for the Girls Golf Dual Match at Grant Park, Illinois. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the Cooperative School Services E-Rate Services through AdTec. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested for the approval of the 2022-2023 Student Handbooks. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. After discussion on the High School and Middle School Handbooks dress code policy, the vote of the board was unanimous to deny the request. The motion failed. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the Van Intermediate and Primary School 2022-2023 Student Handbooks with changes and the Middle School and High School current student handbooks without changes at this time. Changes for the High School and Middle School Handbooks may be resubmitted for approval at a later time. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022-2023 Non-Certified Employees Handbook. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022-2023 Administrator Handbook. Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the 2022 TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) Award Policy. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Deno seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Susan Traynor Chastain, Attorney with Lewis Kappes to represent Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation during negotiations. Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval to accept bids for the 20-25 Acres surrounding the Rensselaer Central Primary School for the production of hay. Mrs. Deno made the

motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board acceptance of the following Resignations:

- Angela Buck – High School Math Teacher
- Matt Stevens – High School Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of the following Extra Curricular Activities recommendations:

- Maggie Hickman – High School Yearbook Advisor
- Courtney Budd – Color Guard Instructor

Mrs. Deno made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Craig requested board approval of Andrea Maienbrook for Angela Green's Maternity Leave. Mr. Parrish made the motion to approve the request. Mr. Arnold seconded the motion and the vote of the board was unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Braasch stated that the New Teacher Meeting will be held Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Board Conference Room.

President Braasch stated that the Staff Orientation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 8:00 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.

President Braasch stated that Teacher In-Service Day will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

President Braasch stated that Thursday, August 11, 2022 will be the first student day.

President Braasch stated that the next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Conference room.

President Braasch stated that he failed to acknowledge Mr. Parrish's past work as Board President and thanked him for his leadership.

Being there was nothing else to come before the board at this time, President Braasch adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Parrish and a second by Mrs. Deno.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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